



THE ATTIC – WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?

Every home, family, and life has “issues”. Some of our issues are apparent to others and some are hidden secrets. How do we come clean and receive healing for our issues? How does confession and forgiveness work? How can we grow through our issues rather than remain trapped in them? Dealing with the issues in our lives is an opportunity for “teachable moments” together as we deal with conflict.

Teachable moments are the events that occur in your life (positive or negative) that can be recognized by the impact they leave on you. The beauty of each teachable moment is that it is an opportunity to grow spiritually. However, we will only grow if we let each moment change us by applying what we are learning to the way we live our lives. Jesus used teachable moments as a way to help people grow spiritually and to deal with the issues in their lives.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

How have you been applying what you have learned in the last three weeks to your life? Give an example of one thing you are doing differently as a result of this series.

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

Read the following scripture and write out what each says in your own words.

Matthew 18:15-20 and 21-35

Proverbs 15:1

Ephesians 4:26-27

Ephesians 5:25, 31-33

1 John 1:9 and James 5:16

Romans 8:1

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

Discuss the Matthew 18 passage with the idea of “teachable moments” in mind. What is Jesus teaching his followers (and us) about conflict? (What is the teachable moment? What are you to do? How many times?)

Discuss the rest of the verses in light of dealing with the conflict that arises in our relationships because of the “issues” we are dealing with.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME? (APPLICATION)

Use the following discussion questions to discover the application of these verses.

In Matthew 18, what is the action item Jesus says we should do? (See verse 35) What does this mean to you in your life and current situations?

What steps should we take to address issues with others?

How are we to treat our spouses?

How do our relationships reflect God?

How should knowing the things above change the way I act and treat others?